

ANNEX 2. SUMMARY

Session:	e-Government
Speaker:	Patrick Gannon, President & CEO, OASIS
Title:	Role of Governments in the Development and Adoption of International Standards for the Information Society
Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Governments should be active participants with industry and demonstrate leadership in implementing open standards-based e-Government solutions. Governments are major users of ICT systems which employ standards. As the largest purchaser of ICT systems within most countries, governments can strongly influence (sometimes mandate) which standards get adopted.● Governments should insist on the adoption of standards which have been developed through an open process (with open governance) and public review that have both “sanction” and “traction” in the marketplace.● To drive standards effectively, governments need to interface with private enterprise (technology solutions), but also to maintain transparency. Government involvement with standards development organizations and industry consortia is the most effective way to do this.● The European Commission is strongly supporting the adoption of ebXML – there are 5 projects implementing ebXML in the 5th Framework funding programme and many more expected in the newly announced 6th Framework funding programme.● In addition to ebXML standards and many new Web Services and Security specifications, OASIS has 7 technical committees working on various government-related specifications under the LegalXML member section.● PKI standards are now evolving to take advantage of new Web Services technologies and OASIS will be announcing new work in this area, which will include European e-Government initiatives.● The new OASIS e-Government Technical Committee is being chaired by representative from UK e-Envoy office. This TC will provide a forum for government requirements, best practice documents, implementation-oriented pilot projects and to coordinate input from EU countries to deliver aspects of the e-Europe 2005 plan.

ANNEX 3. Personal profile



Patrick J. Gannon (patrick.gannon@oasis-open.org) is President and CEO of OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards). OASIS is an international not-for-profit non-governmental organization (NGO) whose mission is to drive the development, convergence and adoption of e-Business standards. In addition to serving on the OASIS Board of Directors, Mr. Gannon has served since 2000 with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), as Chairman of the Team of Specialists for Internet Enterprise Development, which advises governments in transitional economies on best practices for electronic business. He also serves on the ebXML (electronic business using eXtensible Markup Language) Joint Coordinating Committee together with management from UN/CEFACT.

He has worked for BEA Systems, where he served as Senior Vice President in the E-Commerce Integration Division. Prior to BEA, Mr. Gannon served as Vice President of Marketing and Industry Programs at Netfish Technologies and as Vice President of Strategic Programs for the CommerceNet Consortium, directing research and development efforts in new Internet commerce standards such as XML. While at CommerceNet, he served as the first Project Leader for RosettaNet and as Executive Director for the Open Buying on the Internet (OBI) initiative.

Mr. Gannon is co-author of the book: "*Building Database-Driven Web Catalogs*," and is an international speaker on electronic business. Mr. Gannon has also provided guidance to governmental leaders (ministers and heads of state) on adoption of electronic business (Information & Communication Technology) strategies to facilitate economic growth; which has included Lee Teng-hui, President of the Republic of China, and Askar Akayev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic.